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HAMPSHIRE

Computer protection policy adopted

By Peter Spotts

Following two meetings of discussion, the Hampshire Regional School Committee approved the implementation of a new Laptop Protection Plan for district families using district owned computers for learning.

The goal of the new plan is to reduce the burden on the family for repairs or damages, which currently they are 100% responsible for. The new plan functions as an insurance police, with an upfront fee of \$41, covering a first repair claim with \$0 charged to the family and subsequent claims at \$50.

“This is optional. The alternative is if you don’t want to buy into the protection plan, then the fallback is the plan you signed onto which is 100% replacement [cost],” said Technology Director Kim Florek.

The coverage plan, in its draft form, includes acci-

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Giving Season



Christine Hansen, Belle Fleur CFO Domenico Cardarelli and CEO Rolandy Romelus get ready to distribute turkeys and reusable shopping bags to Blandford residents on Monday, Nov. 23. See story and photos on page 3.

Photo by Mary Kronholm

WORTHINGTON

No changes for roundabout

By Peter Spotts

No changes will be made to the town roundabout until spring, as voted by the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Highway Superintendent Cork Nugent voiced concerns about the approach islands negatively impacting winter plowing, but the board ultimately decided it was unlikely anything could be done by winter and to revisit the issue in the spring.

“I can’t imagine this project getting done before this winter,” Chairman Charley Rose said. “So why throw away

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WILLIAMSBURG

Curbside continues, doors stay closed

By Peter Spotts

Meekins Library will continue to do curbside pickup, but opening the doors of the library is still not possible at this time.

Library staff is kept busy, filling about 300 individual bag orders per week through the curbside program, but are still too limited to bring patrons inside the building.

“Each bag could have more than one item in it. We have a pretty robust [system]people are using it and they’re

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HILLTOWNS

Food Bank of Western Mass anticipates winter rush

By Dalton Zbierski

At all times of the year, the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts serves as an invaluable community resource. With temperatures plummeting and COVID-19 case counts rising on a regional scale, the Hatfield facility enters the winter prepared to play a more crucial role than it ever has before.

“It is a challenge, but we do have a warehouse full of food,” said Lillian Baulding, the Food Bank’s communications and engagement officer. “We have done a lot of pivoting since COVID started and are meeting the needs.

The entire team has pitched in. A lot of people are doing work that they weren’t doing before. They’re taking on extra assignments, and it’s just getting done.”

The Food Bank distributes much needed food to member agencies spread throughout Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties.

Established in 1982, the Food Bank serves dozens of independent pantries, meal sites, shelters and food assistance programs in western Massachusetts. The operation is a member of Feeding

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The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts has been making a difference throughout the region since 1982. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented the facility its greatest challenge.

Photo by Dalton Zbierski

WESTHAMPTON

No activities at Town hall yet

By Shelby Macri

The Selectboard closed out November discussing the recreational use of municipal buildings, ultimately deciding it’s best to not allow any activities at this time.

Board member Maureen Dempsey spoke to a few neighboring hilltowns, including Williamsburg and Chesterfield, along with Northampton about their current regulations on recreational use of town buildings. Dempsey said Northampton has allowed indoor use of some buildings. The original

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HILLTOWNS

Small business and non-profit funding a focus

State Senator Adam G. Hinds (D-Pittsfield) announced the Massachusetts State Senate adopted a budget amendment to provide \$250,000 for Hilltown small businesses and non-profits in Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden Counties.

“As we head into the winter months, we need to find a way to support our small businesses and non-profits,” said Hinds. “Some businesses have shared with me the challenges they foresee during the slow months ahead of just paying rent, I hope this will help.”

The local spending priority was secured by Senator Hinds as part of the Senate budget debate on a \$45.985 billion budget for fiscal 2021.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has hit rural communities throughout Western Massachusetts hard,” said Hinds. “Businesses are struggling to stay afloat. Many businesses wonder if they will survive the winter months ahead. This funding is critical for those businesses in our region who need this financial assistance to stay around.”

Of the \$250,000 in funding, \$100,000 will be made available for the Greater Shelburne Falls Business Association for use in their membership area. The Hilltown CDC will be the fiscal agent and will create an application process for businesses, non-profits, and individuals to use.

The Senate’s fiscal 2021 budget recommends a total of \$46 billion in spending, a 5.5% increase over the fiscal 2020 General Appropriations Act. This spending recommendation is based on a revised tax revenue estimate of \$27.592 billion, which provides for \$3.558 billion less in available revenue than the original consensus revenue estimate originally agreed upon in January 2020.

State Senate passes rural school aid funding increase

State Senator Adam G. Hinds (D-Pittsfield) announced the Massachusetts State Senate adopted his budget amendments to increase funding for the Rural School Aid grant program by \$1.5 million, raising the total appropriation for this account to \$3 million in the fiscal 2020 Senate Budget.

“A child’s zip code should not determine the quality of their education,” said Hinds. “Rural school districts experience fiscal uncertainty every year because of the unique and substantial obstacles they face to provide their students basic school services. My hope is that with this additional \$1.5 million is that Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to provide fiscal relief to even more school districts in rural areas across the Commonwealth charged with providing quality education to students.”

The Rural School Aid grant program helps school districts with low population densities and lower-than-average incomes address fiscal challenges and take steps to improve efficiency. Administered by DESE, Rural School Aid is a source of funding separate from Chapter 70 aid and is intended to supplement the fiscal 2020 operating budgets of eligible school districts.

In order to qualify for Rural School Aid, DESE must determine that a school district meets two requirements: the “rural factor”— student density per square mile of a school district— and ability to pay, which is the average per capita income of a school district.

More specifically, eligible school districts must have a student density of “not more than 21 students per square mile and an average annual per capita income of not more than the average annual per capita income for the Commonwealth for the same period, as reported by the United States Census Bureau.” Further, rural school districts serving fewer than 11 students per square mile are prioritized to receive funding.

“The funding that these amendments provide are another step toward regional equity for Western Massachusetts and every region of our Commonwealth,” said Hinds.

State budget passes with business, educational, and local aid

The Massachusetts State Senate unanimously passed a \$46 billion budget for fiscal 2021, after adding \$36.1 million in targeted investments over the course of two days of deliberations. Passed with bipartisan support, the budget aims to move the Commonwealth towards an equitable recovery by making critical investments in sectors impacted by COVID-19 including early education and childcare, food security, housing supports, and public health.

“We worked hard to make sure a challenging revenue environment did not get in the way of critical investments needed to ensure our Commonwealth’s residents can navigate the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Sen. Adam G. Hinds (D-Pittsfield). “The spending priorities presented in the budget outline what our residents need most and that is aid for food security, housing, childcare and healthcare.”

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The budget protects Massachusetts students and educational institutions by preserving the Senate’s stated priority investments, despite an unprecedented fiscal climate. Continuing the Senate’s long-standing support of targeted investments in education, this budget funds Chapter 70 in a manner consistent with the agreement reached between the Senate, House, and Administration in July by providing \$5.283 billion, an increase of \$107.6 million over fiscal 2020.

“It is unreasonable to expect school districts in rural communities and with lower-income populations to continue to provide the same world-class education that the rest of the state is able to provide without equitable financial support,” said Hinds. “That is why I am proud to secure an increase in rural school aid funding to \$3 million. This funding is critical for Western Massachusetts and our Commonwealth as they navigate COVID-19 changes.”

The Senate’s budget supports cities and towns while allowing them flexibility to confront the unique challenges facing them by directing significant resources to local and regional aid.

A Conference Committee will now convene to reconcile the differences between the Senate budget and the version passed by the House of Representatives last week.

FOOD BANK

America, a national network of more than 200 food banks.

During the pandemic, the Food Bank’s demand has increased dramatically. Baulding detailed the added responsibility that the facility has assumed over the past eight months.

“We have seen an increase in the amount of people who have needed our services because of COVID,” said Baulding. “Many people have come in for the first time. They may have never thought that they’d ever need assistance from the Food Bank or a food pantry, but they do because of job losses.”

Baulding credited the community’s support for keeping the Food Bank alive and thriving during a challenging year. The massive 35,000 square-foot warehouse employs 45, serves as the headquarters for the entire operation and is currently abuzz with energy and productivity.

“People are working double-time, from the pickers who pick the food and put it together for our member agencies to the volunteers who are in our sorting room who are actually putting boxes of food together. It’s really incredible,” said Baulding.

One of the greatest obstacles that the pandemic has placed before the Food Bank is a dwindling amount of food donations. COVID-19 protocols prohibit the facility from accepting most food donations from the public.

For residents looking to contribute, monetary donations are highly significant and much needed. Baulding noted that monetary donations have allowed the Food Bank to make up for absence of food donations that it had been previously accustomed to receiving.

“It’s critical because for every dollar donated, we can provide four full, healthy meals,” said Baulding. “That means one individual could get four meals, and it’s not just one part of the meal; it’s the entire meal, or a family of four could have a dinner. It’s critical, particularly at this time where so many of our neighbors are out of work or maybe their hours have been cut dramatically.”

As temperatures continue to decrease, nutritious meals become more essential. On a regular basis, the Food Bank’s Mobile Food Bank visits 27 locations in western Massachusetts, distributing healthy food items.

“We want to help people stay healthy and strong as they are going through this difficult time,” said Baulding.

On Nov. 23 and 24, the Food Bank participated in Monte’s March, a 43-mile masked march that began in Springfield and finished in Greenfield, covering three counties. Monte Belmonte, a radio personality for 93.9 WRSI, leads the annual initiative.

Those who participated in the march pushed empty shopping carts along the entirety of the route to raise awareness about hunger in the region and funds to stop it in its tracks. This year, the fundraiser aimed to raise \$365,000, which is the equivalent of 4,000 meals per day for an entire calendar year.

“We pivoted this year, and it’s going to work. It’s going to be on a smaller scale, and we’re asking people to donate what they can,” said Baulding. “If they can’t come out and march with us, perhaps they can virtually march online, or they can donate on those two days or online as well.”

To donate to the Food Bank, visit foodbankwma.org/events/montes-march11.



The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts operates out of a 35,000-square-foot warehouse in Hatfield, and serves dozens of member agencies scattered throughout the region.



Brian Longto operates a piece of machinery inside the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts in Hatfield during the pandemic. Photos by Dalton Zbiernski

HUNTINGTON

NORWICH HILL

The First Congregational Church of Huntington reminds everyone that even though our physical doors are closed until further notice, we are most definitely open for worship, praise, ministry and fellowship. We are an Open and Affirming Church and we invite and welcome everyone - seekers, believers, and wonderers alike, on their journey of faith, to join in 10 a.m. Zoom Sunday worship. We are also meeting for Friday Zoom Fellowship Time and the pastor is always available to speak with you. If you do not receive our emails and would like to connect with our Zoom worship service or fellowship time, please contact Pastor Carol at firstchurchof-huntington@gmail.com to receive the information you will need to participate.

We are offering free “Advent in a Bag” resources to all who would like them as long as supplies last. Often the weeks leading up to Christmas can be challenging, this year perhaps even more than usual. “Advent in a Bag” provides faith at home resources to support, love, and connect us where and when we need it most. The resources offer the opportunity to hold back some of the Christmas crazy, and spend a few special moments together on the real purpose of the season. If you would like

to receive “Advent in a Bag” please call 860-798-7771 or 413-667-3935 and leave a message with your name and contact number or email firstchurchof-huntington@gmail.com

During the four weeks leading up to Christmas, we are looking at the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. This year has been different than other years; it has been challenging in many ways. These days we find ourselves wondering where we can find comfort when everything is upside down and constantly changing. Is Peace even possible in this chaotic world. The readings for the second week of Advent, Isaiah 40:1-11 and Psalm 85:1, 10-13, invite us to wonder what is Peace? Where can we find it? and the possibility that Peace is springing up around us even now in the midst of everything. We will be celebrating The Lord’s Supper/Communion during the Zoom worship service.

Please use the phone numbers and email address provided to stay in touch or to contact the pastor. You are also invited to find us on Facebook at “Norwich Hill” for updates, information and spiritual encouragement. For more information, please contact 413-667-3935 or 860-798-7771 or firstchurchof-huntington@gmail.com.

Public hearing on Dec. 9

HUNTINGTON — The Town of Huntington, in association with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, will conduct a performance hearing regarding the town’s ongoing fiscal 2019 Community Development Block Grant program.

The hearing will take place at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, in person at Stanton Hall and via Webex. To connect to Webex, call 1-415-655-0001 and enter the Meeting Number/Access Code 132 617 1991. The meeting password is 598 469 98.

The performance hearing will review the Kennedy Drive Roadway Improvement project funded through the town’s fiscal 2019 CDBG. The project

involved an engineering design and construction of approximately 2,580 linear feet of roadway and drainage improvement systems.

This activity and program are funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development, Massachusetts CDBG program.

All persons with questions or comments regarding the performance hearing will have an opportunity to submit comments up until and through the public hearing.

Please submit comments to John O’Leary at the PVPC at joleary@pvpc.org or 413-781-6045.

Signup for gingerbread kits

HUNTINGTON — The Huntington Community Events Committee is offering gingerbread house kits to-go since gatherings are not possible at this time due to COVID-19.

Pickup for the kits is on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 2 to 2:30 p.m. in the Huntington Public Library parking lot. Families should follow social distancing protocols when picking up their kit.

Availability is limited and on a first come-first served basis. Kits are limited to one per family. Preregistration must be done by Sunday, Dec. 6. Contact Vicki Mayhew at 413-667-0085 or vkmayhew@gmail.com, leave a name, phone number and kit size preference —one large house to share in decorating or a four-pack of individual smaller houses to decorate.

BLANDFORD

Free turkey for residents

By Mary Kronholm

BLANDFORD — Marijuana cultivator Belle Fleur Chief Executive Officer Rolandy Romelus accompanied by his Chief Financial Officer Domenico Cardarelli brought farm fresh and frozen turkeys for residents. Belle Fleur’s local partners Christine Hansen and her brother Kurt Hansen helped hand out the turkeys last week.

It was to express their appreciation of the town’s acceptance of their proposed marijuana cultivation business that Belle Fleur sent cards to all residents informing them of the Monday Nov. 23 turkey give-away. Residents could choose either fresh or frozen free-range turkeys and pick them up in time for Thanksgiving.

Everyone who opted for a turkey was most appreciative, and went out of their way to let folks know. The select board sent a letter of appreciation as well.

There were over 200 turkeys distributed along with recyclable shopping bags.

Both Romelus and Cardarelli said that things were moving along smoothly and “faster than we expected,” said Cardarelli.

The cultivation operation will be on Route 23 on property formerly part of the Hansen acreage.



Rolandy Romelus helps deliver a turkey for Joseph and Theresa Stetz.



Cars turning into the north gate wait their turn for a turkey.



Rolandy Romelus, CEO of Belle Fleur sets up for the turkey handout on Monday, Nov. 23.

Photos by Mary Kronholm

Study reveals good road quality, future upkeep needs

By Mary Kronholm

BLANDFORD — Amir Kouzehkanani, principal transportation planner/manager at Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, presented a study of town road conditions to the select board Monday evening.

The Overall Condition Index rated most of the town roads at 80, however, Birch Hill Road, South Street and Glasgow Road came in at 100, but Watson Park’s roadway came in with a score of 5.

The Paving Management Report surveyed 34 miles of accepted paved road based on information in the state’s Department of Transportation files. The average overall road condition is 80, out of a grade of 100, which is “very, very good news,” said Kouzehkanani. “We have a highway department that actually keeps the roads in serviceable condition.” Thirty-eight percent in good condition, 33% in excellent condition, “this is very good,” he added.

The second of three items he

brought to the board is the awareness that every community has a backlog of repairs. To bring everything into near perfect condition, according to Kouzehkanani, would be just under \$5 million over the course of five years, “one of the lowest” repair costs he has seen.

He spoke about the repair plans and budget scenarios. One plan uses the anticipated budget over the next five years exhausting the town’s usual road repair allocation of \$200,000 annually. The score for the roads by 2025 would drop overall from a grade of 80 to 74, which, according to Kouzehkanani is “not too bad” considering the starting point. In his report, he states, “the budget that a community regularly allocates for roadway maintenance is, for the most part, insufficient to obtain overall future roadway conditions” equal to or better than current conditions. The total dollar amount for backlog repair by 2025 is estimated at \$8,061,877.

To maintain the town’s roadways with the current rating would mean an

annual allocation of \$250,000 through 2025 which would keep the road ratings at 80, or 79 and an overall expenditure by 2025 of \$7,135,022; a million dollars less than if the town continues to budget at the current rate of \$200,000 annually for road repair.

The select board was pleased with the report and the 47 page document will be posted on the town’s website.

Highway Superintendent Rene Senecal again expressed his concern for changing the bond amount for loggers and requiring information on their transport routes, something that will have to come before the town. He would like to see a check list in place that he can provide to loggers.

The board reviewed the town’s local receipts that are not allocated for fiscal year 2021. The town anticipated \$550,000 and actually took in \$794,000. Some adjustments will be made for the tax rate capitation for fiscal year 2022. There was special concern for the posting of Board of Health receipts for the sale of transfer station stickers and

other fees. Town Administrator Joshua Garcia said he would sit with the Board of Health, finance, and treasurer to sort out the issue.

Board of Health Member Jennifer Girard provided a COVID-19 update to the board for the town. According to Girard, there are three new additional COVID-19 cases in town, and “we can quickly go into the red high-risk zone” while the town has been quiet for two weeks. She also told the board that the state has released new town meeting conduct guidelines as of Nov. 23. She said she will review vaccine information with the select board at the next meeting in two weeks.

The board approved winter maintenance for Maple Lane at the request of residents.

In other business, the board sent a thank you letter to Belle Fleur for donating turkeys to residents.

The next meeting of the select board is Monday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. There will also be a tax classification hearing at that time to set the town’s tax rate.

OPINION

IN MY BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

Workers helping to transport the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree found an adult Northern saw-whet owl clinging to the tree. The tree and owl came from Oneonta to New York City, New York. The owl had no food or water during the three-day trip. It is recovering at a wildlife refuge in New York state.

The owl, now named Rockefeller, is getting fluids and “all the mice he can eat” at the wildlife center. A vet checked it over and took x-rays, but it seems to be in great condition. When ready, it will be released back into the wild.

Northern saw-whet owls are the smallest North American owl and about seven to eight inches long. These owls have yellow eyes, mottled brown feathers with a whitish facial disk and white-spotted head. Juveniles are dark brown with a cinnamon belly and a white vee between the eyes.

Saw whet owls are nocturnal and hard to see. During daylight, they roost in dense vegetation, typically at eye level and near the trunk of evergreen trees.

Female Northern saw-whet owls lay four to seven white eggs in a nest in a tree cavity or old woodpecker hole. They will also use next boxes.

Thistle feeder

During the warm weather, a bear grabbed my thistle (niger) seed feeder. He pulled it off the hook and left it about 15 feet away. The plastic tube was crushed and the seed ports removed. There was not a single seed to be found in it. The American goldfinches and chickadees kept flying to where the feeder was.

I bought another feeder and put it out. It did not take them long to find the new feeder. American goldfinches and chickadees love the thistle seed and often three or four eat from the feed perches at once.



Canada geese

Last week, I saw a very large flock of Canada geese in a harvested cornfield. The flock had well over 100 hundred geese. They were probably on their way from Canada to the southern winter grounds.

Bluebirds

My son-in-law, Bryan, saw four bluebirds in his yard last week. He watched them come and go from one of the two bluebird houses in his Barre yard.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

“Stop and Steal” a threat to democracy

The first “Stop the Steal” sign has showed up in my town. This sign refers to the Trump loyalist claim that the election was stolen. Those making this claim are unable to present provable facts or explain the down ballot wins of Republicans in the House and Senate. This claim of election fraud is a grave insult to the thousands of poll workers and overseers of the election, many of whom are Republicans and likely Trump voters. “Stop the Steal” is a call for Republican state legislators to override the elected electors for Biden and put in their own for Trump. “Stop the Steal” is political speak for a blatant attempt to override our democracy and, in fact, steal our election.

Deeply buried in the stolen election belief is fear that the more minorities vote the more whites will be disenfranchised. Lindsey Graham said something to the effect that unless our election system is changed Republicans will be a thing of the past. Left unsaid is the belief that the more citizens who vote, the less likely

Republicans are to win.

Most of our conservative voters are not racists, but all of those on the right will be subjected to “purity” tests with the true believers claiming stolen elections and calling for real patriots to retake our country by all means necessary .

All of this strife is greatly enhanced by hard times. Times made much harder by stark disparities between the have and the have-nots. Though it is evident that minorities are most effected by the inequality of wealth and health, working people of all races are in the same leaky boat. Only by pitting us against one another on racial divides will the status quo of a few holding most of the wealth be maintained.

Working people supporting the overthrow of our election are doing their best to enshrine a wannabe dictator and clearly working counter to their own, and our nation’s, best interests.

Richard Mansfield
Worthington

HILLTOWN HISTORY

Miscellaneous musings while hiking

By Deborah Daniels

These photos were taken on a hike along the Eagle Cliff Trail above Littleville Lake. The number of anvil rocks along this trail is astounding, given this path is high on a ridge running parallel to the lake. The path is more an old cart road lined with anvil rocks, a veritable mythological blacksmith’s corridor. Does this attest to fast running brooks eroding these rocks into anvil shaped formations or glacial deposits of sedimentary erratics? This is a mystery. Next you might be confused about which continent you are on because of all the serpentine vines growing to the

right and left. They all seem to reach out to choke us machete-less hikers. Think avoid dusk walks here. Lastly, if you continue this path you will enjoy waterfalls and a rare, abandoned farm site or two. Note the photo showing an iron grill with the word “Household” on it. It was lying alone on the ground. Well let me clarify, there were some ancient car parts nearby. But this stumped me. Thankfully, the Good Time Stove Co. of Goshen came through and helped identify how this item was used. It was an iron oven shelf, similar to the one pictured in a Household Liberty cook stove

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Tree vines found along eagle Cliff Trail near Littleville Lake in Huntington.

Submitted photos by Deborah Daniels



An anvil rock.

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OPINION

HIKING

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circa 1900-1920. Oh, the open-air museum treasures we discover hiking.

The day was overcast and rainy and many trees had spittle along the base of the tree trunk. Ever wonder what that is? It looks like dribbles of foam. It is the tree having a bit of a bubble bath. The foam is created by collections of air pollutants chemically reacting with rainwater to form soap; as the soapy water runs down the rough tree bark, it is agitated into bubbles just like your soap does in the washing machine. Apparently, especially in dry weather, dust accumulates on the tree. The dust contains salts, acids, plant matter and other particles of pollution. Rainwater mixes with the salt to create soapy bubbles. A harmless bubble bath for the tree. In pine trees, the pine sap contains a soap like component that will foam with rainwater.

There is a bacterial infection of trees called slime flux that causes some bubbling. It produces a sour smelling foam that is the result of the fermentation action of the bacteria. This usually causes a dark wet staining of the tree bark. Also, this foam attracts insects and bees because of the alcohol content. They are quite separate conditions that you might confuse. Most trees do not die of slime flux, but it can be a chronic condition in weakened trees. Trust your nose to tell the difference. And that concludes your covid survival tip for the week, tree spittle an unlikely source of hand sanitizer. Walk on my friend walk on.

Do you have a memory or historical curiosity from the Hilltowns that you'd like to share with your neighbors? Send your story and photos to countryjournal@turley.com.



An old Household Oven Grill discovered while hiking.
Submitted photos by Deborah Daniels



Tree spittle is an unlikely source for sanitizing hands.



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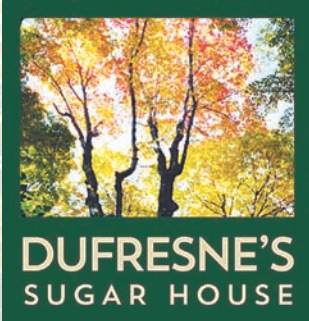
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WORTHINGTON

Toy Drive at Rabbit Hole

WORTHINGTON — The Rabbit Hole Restaurant is holding a toy drive through Friday, Dec. 18. Anyone interested in donating can bring donations to the restaurant during operating hours.

Toys should be new and unopened. If an item requires batteries, please include batteries with the donation. Gifts should be for children ages 2-16. Gift card donations are also accepted.

The toys will be given to True Christmas, a nonprofit organization based out of Turners Falls. The organization’s mission is to make Christmas magical for one family at a time across Western Massachusetts and has been delivering gifts to families struggling to get presents under the tree since 2014.

The Rabbit Hole is located at 144 Huntington Road in Worthington. Normal operating hours are Friday from 3 to 8 p.m., Saturday noon to 8 p.m., and Sunday noon to 7 p.m. For more information on True Christmas, visit truechristmasorganization.weebly.com or @truechristmas1 on Facebook.

ROUNABOUT

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for the money for any engineering or anything else if we’re going to have to live with it anyway?”

Nugent argued the plowing of the roundabout will not go well with the current setup design and that he was against it during the original planning for the new town circle.

“Hopefully, we can maintain it better than I have foreseen because it’s not going to be pretty,” he said. “I can’t even get thee pickup truck up on it with the plow. I tried to get up on there and my plow frame digs in.”

“My concern is if we don’t remove these islands, that the plowing will become such an issue,” Selectman Amy Wang said. “One of the worst possible thoughts is a poorly plowed traffic circle. The thought of going into that and going three-quarters of the way around to go down 143...I think that’s a terrible prospect. I think we sort of have to move on this.”

Costs to remove the raised approach islands and redo them at street level ranged from \$35,000 to \$50,000. A \$4,800 engineering fee would be invested from the town upfront to create a plan for the work. The board discussed using Chapter 90 money to cover this now, but Rose’s concerns about investing any money when nothing can change this winter prevailed.

“I support you Cork, but I think we’re going to have to live with this situation this winter,” said Selectman Steve Smith. “I’m fine to go along with your [Rose’s] concerns for waiting until spring.”

A couple residents living near the roundabout both spoke in favor of keeping he islands because of the positive effect the overall project has had on traffic in the area.

“I have watched from my bedroom window how this is working. It’s a magnificent piece of engineering. The roundabout is working great,” said resident Scott Hyle.

Hyle’s neighbor Andrew Madden added, “The function of the roundabout has improved traffic here dramatically.”

Nugent, while not happy with the board’s decision to take no action at this time, said the department will do its best this winter to make things work.

“No one is listening to me this time, no one is listening to me now. When this isn’t plowed right, you all better stand up behind me,” he said. “If we have to plow it, we’ll do our best.”



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GOSHEN

Wi-Fi support extended

GOSHEN — The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Westfield Gas & Electric have partnered with some hill-towns to temporarily offer a high-speed internet connection at a central location in each participating town. This connection

WILLIAMSBURG

LIBRARY

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really liking it,” Library Director Beverly Bullock said. “We considered opening and we really can’t, we just don’t have a big staff. We decided not to open.”

As an additional boost to the curbside program for kids, the library created different themes for kids. One example is a theme for pirates, with one bag containing the first three volumes in a series for ages 7-10.

“Those are available for checking out because the kids don’t really have access to the collection, which is a shame,” Bullock said.

The library has also been working on a couple projects to improve the building. With help from the Friends of the Library, the Riverside Room is receiving new shelving in December and is getting updated for when doors are able to open in the future.

“It’s a wonderful thing. We put in a new Wi-Fi access point in there,” Bullock said. “We got a new kid’s computer so that’s up to date.”

Town Administrator Charlene Nardi also helped secure Cares Act Funding for \$8,900 to install ventilation, increasing the air exchange in the library through HVAC upgrades.

“I applied for ventilation for the library through the 2nd round of Cares Act Funding from the State,” Nardi said. “We are contracting with Jamrog, our contracted HVAC company, to do the work which must be done by the end of the calendar year.”

Bullock added, “That will make a difference when we finally re-open, we’ll have the knowledge we have air circulation that changes over [frequently].”

KMIT Children’s Programming Librarian Naomi Schmidt is planning a baking event on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. “Baking: Science for Hungry People” will be a Zoom program where participants will learn how different ingredients contribute to a perfect recipe. Ingredients will be supplied by request, but participants will need their own measuring cups, spoons, baking tray, and oven. The program is suggested for anyone ages 8 or older. Adult supervision may be required. To RSVP for the Zoom link, contact Schmidt at kmit@cwmar.org.

The Flat Friend Library Sleepover is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 5 p.m. While visits to the library are restricted, a Flat Friend can attend a sleep over! A Flat Friend is a drawing of a favorite stuffed animal, toy, imaginary friends, or the participant themselves. The drawing can be emailed to the library at kmit@cwmar.org. Staff will print out the drawing and take the Flat Friends on adventures exploring the library during the night. Photos of the adventures will be shared on Facebook and with the participants.

For more information on Meekins Library and upcoming events, visit meekinslibrary.org.

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dental damage from drops and spills, cracked screens, liquid damage, fire, flood, and other natural disasters, power surge from lightning, and theft or vandalism. It does not cover lost chargers, theft without a police report, unexplained loss, or intentional damage determined at the discretion of school administration.

Florek’s \$41 per year was reached by estimating the cost needed if 10% of the school’s laptops, about 58 devices, were claimed for repairs in a year. The estimated repairs costs in the scenario is \$23,838, which split evenly across the district families comes out to \$41 per year. Florek also added the option to buy multiple years of coverage for a discounted price — \$74 for two years and \$105 for three years.

One question raised by the committee during the meeting was if the school should consider what Westhampton Elementary does, which allows the principal to determine if the parent should be responsible for the damage in each individual case.”

“The principal would consider the situation and if it seemed like it was something intentional, the family would pay,” Committee Member Peter Cleary said. “If it seemed like it wasn’t intentional, the school would cover the cost.”

Committee Member Scott Johndrow said, “the reason we did that in Westhampton was because it’s such a small school. I wouldn’t even consider this for the high school.”

To date, the school, has had five

screen repairs and one laptop destroyed by liquid damage, totaling about \$2,200 in damage. Florek says while things are going well overall, once the bulk of the student body is travelling to and from school, the number of damaged devices is expected to rise.

“November’s been pretty good, knock on wood,” She said. “When I’m looking at 41 laptops that doesn’t seem, over the course of a year, unreasonable to me. It’s probably going to come in bits and spurts. I just really don’t know what’s going to happen when students are traveling with their laptops back and forth from school.”

As this year has already started, Florek proposed making this year’s plan retroactive for any damages already on

the books for families opting in. Going forward, the start of each year would feature a signup period. If families choose not to sign up for it, they’ll fall under the current policy which requires them to pay the full cost of the repair.

Principal Kristin Smidy said, “I will work with our technology director to inform families that a new policy is approved by the school committee, and that families can sign up for this revised plan if they want to opt for the protection policy. Otherwise, the current plan that families signed indicating that they are responsible for the full amount of the technology device stands if it is damaged or lost.”

For more information and updates on the school, visit www.hrhs.net.

WESTHAMPTON

TOWN HALL

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request for the Town Hall was for pickle ball, which Northampton doesn’t have a suitable area.

Dempsey reported other hilltown administrators said their municipal buildings are not open for recreational activities. Other towns don’t want to add more people than necessary when daily employees are in the building. This was an original concern when recreational activities were first brought up.

After hearing the thoughts and current procedures of other towns, Selectboard Chairman Phil Dowling said the town should wait to hold recreational activities in town hall and other muni pal buildings.

“We need to wait this thing out and give it some time, we’re listening to the

board of health and looking at surrounding towns concerning the virus,” Dowling said. “I feel strongly that we should not do this right now, and other towns boards of health are recommending to not open.”

Though the building won’t open for recreational activities, there was a request to make a Santa drop box for Christmas letters using the voting box. Pat Miller from the Finance Committee and Colleen Basile from the Council on Aging will be manning the Santa drop box. The board was interested in the idea and asked Town Administrator Cheryl Provost if they could use the electoral drop box.

Provost said since it’s not currently an election season and it won’t be used for voting, there should be no problem with having people use it for letters

to Santa. Miller put in the request and explained she and Basile would be in charge of gathering the letters and maintaining the Santa drop box.

“It’s fun for the kids, it’s positive, and it’ll make people feel better,” Dowling said. “We now have a Santa drop box, and I want to see some decoration!”

Board member Teri Anderson was assured both Miller and Basile would do something to make the drop box festive. The board approved the request, which was just a starting place for the activity, Provost explained the drop box should be available for letters soon but that the project is just starting. Residents can keep a look out for information on the town website.

GOSHEN

WI-FI

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tion will offer speeds of up to 200 mbps for up to 15 concurrent connections.

In Goshen, that Wi-Fi connection has been installed at the Town Office building. This connection will be available through June 30, 2021, depending on the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The necessity for extending this access will be determined by the state towards the end of 2020.

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Lyle Congdon takes a picture of the scenery from Tekoa Ridge Trail.

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CHESTER

Library closes doors for two weeks

CHESTER — Beginning Nov. 30, the Library will be closed for two weeks for a thorough cleaning. It will reopen on Sunday, Dec. 13, for curbside pick-up only until Dec. 31. At that time, the library will reassess the situation. The library is saddened it has to take a step back due to increased COVID-19 cases in the area and thanks patrons for their patience and understanding.

Johnson Hill Road closed through Dec. 8

CHESTER — The Chester Highway Department would like to inform residents that Johnson Hill Road will be closed from Middlefield Road to Lynes Road starting Wednesday, Dec. 2, at 7 a.m. to Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 4 p.m. This weeklong closure is to perform road repairs. Please be advised and seek alternate routes during this closure.

OTIS

COVID-19 limits access to Town Hall, library

OTIS — Due to increasing cases in the area and across the Commonwealth, Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice. The town appreciates everyone's patience as the situation evolves. Offices will still be handling business; call or email with any questions. Additionally, the Otis Public Library is returning to curbside pickup only as of Wednesday, Nov. 25. Additional information and resources about COVID-19 is available at www.berkshirehealthsystems.org/coronavirus and www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-updates-and-information.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of west
5. ___ Caesar, comedian
8. Helps little firms
11. A way to censor
13. Expresses atomic and molecular weights
14. Chalcedony
15. Type of sword
16. A corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
17. Attired
18. A sequence of winding turns
20. Pal
21. Expresses pleasure
22. Amendable
25. Clear
30. A way to cut off
31. Indigenous Thai person
32. Pale brownish yellow color
33. Aquatic plants genus
38. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

41. Merchants
43. Fix a chair
45. Throws into disorganization
48. Famed German composer
49. Keyboard key
50. Oral polio vaccine developer
55. Partner to pain
56. Where golfers start
57. Jenny ___: weight loss program
59. Sailing dinghy
60. Suffix that forms adjectives
61. Speeds at which music is played
62. Body part
63. Fall back
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN

1. One point south of due east
2. Wings
3. One point south of southeast
4. The shirts on our backs
5. One who works on the seas
6. Select jury
7. Small intestines parts
8. Plant of the heath family
9. Extrasolar planet
10. Creates more of
12. Before
14. Forms over a cut
19. Runs down
23. Exercise regimen ___-bo
24. Unkeyed
25. Principle underlying the universe
26. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
27. Residue
28. Company that rings receipts
29. Rugged mountain range
34. Commercials
35. NY footballer
36. They ___
37. Soviet Socialist Republic
39. Poked holes in the ground
40. Pitchers
41. Your
42. Diana ___, singer
44. Important document for inventors
45. Bangladesh capital
46. Fluid that flows in the veins of Greek gods
47. Famed daguerreotype photographer
48. Where military personnel work
51. Play a role
52. La ___ Tar Pits, Hollywood
53. Unstressed-stressed
54. Type of palm tree
58. Judo garments

THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPES

ARIES

Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, this week you feel more energized and ready to hit the ground running with a special project at work. It's also a great time to do something for yourself.

CANCER

Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, it is essential to practice self-care; otherwise, you easily can run yourself ragged. Put yourself ahead of others sometime this week, even if it feels indulgent.

LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23
Relationships are important to you, Libra. You may be eager to develop some new friendships in the days to come. Think about pursuing new hobbies or interests.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20
It can be challenging to find a balance between giving your all at work and enjoying your personal life. That's because you're such a hard worker. Devote more time to home.

AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18
The smallest steps can lead to the greatest results, Aquarius. Don't discount any strides you make in the direction of success. You will get there eventually.

TAURUS

Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, a couple of days this week you may need to roll over and catch a couple extra minutes with your head on the pillow. Being extra tired may indicate you need to scale back.

LEO

Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, take an opportunity to share your big heart with someone who may need an extra emotional boost. Spend some quality time with this individual.

SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, everyone around you knows if they put you in charge you will get the job done successfully. But others may not be in tune with who you are, so open up a little bit.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, you are always eager to learn new things. This week take time to explore the world around you and pick up some facts along the way.

VIRGO

Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, you are eager to get caught up in all the details. This can keep you on track and orderly, but you may miss some spontaneity if you're always following the rules.

GEMINI

May 22/Jun 21
A social butterfly, you are eager to socialize this week, Gemini. Figure out a day when a few friends are available to get together and catch up. Then plan an event.

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OBITUARIES

Larry L. Callahan, 83

Larry L. Callahan, 83, passed away peacefully on April 28 at the Governor’s Center in Westfield. Larry was born on Dec. 24, 1936, in Morning Sun, Iowa, to the late Frederick M. and Vera M. (Swanson) Callahan.

Larry grew up on a family farm in Morning Sun and always looked back fondly on his memories of hunting with his dog, the jokes that he and his brother Don would share, the smell of his Mom’s orange rolls and date pinwheels wafting from the kitchen, going to the well to get a cool drink of water - what he always referred to as his “medicine.” Larry graduated from Morning Sun High School where he was a local sports star, playing football and baseball, and excelling most in basketball. His dad passed away in 1955 and Larry’s mother, in the years ahead, married Howard Willson, who Larry always looked on fondly.

Larry joined the US Air Force in 1956, serving until 1960. During the bulk of that time he was stationed in Japan, where he developed a strong appreciation for Japanese culture and, in the years following his service, would enjoy telling stories of his time in Japan.

Once out of the service Larry moved to Massachusetts and began his career as a journeyman meat cutter. He lived for a time in Holyoke with his first wife, Sandy, and their three children, Kathy (Kathleen), Sharon, and Mark. Larry would talk about how much he enjoyed drives with the family after Sunday dinner, as well as vacations and trips they all took together; wonderful memories that he always carried with him.

Larry coached Little League while working at various supermarkets including Walbaum’s Food Mart until he purchased Wemette’s Market on Franklin Street in Westfield. He owned and operated Wemette’s until the economic recession of the early 1980s. After selling Wemette’s, Larry began a second career as a machinist at Titeflex Corporation in Springfield, MA where he would work for the next eighteen years until his retirement. Larry was also divorced and in 1985 married BonnieAnn (Marcoulier) Callahan. The couple lived in Chester



on Maple Street with BonnieAnn’s two children, DJ (David) and Missy (Miriam). The four enjoyed a road trip to Iowa that took them through 13 US states and a host of special stops and attractions including his hometown of Morning Sun, Iowa where they enjoyed time with Larry’s mother Vera, brother Don, his sister-in-law Esther, and their family. Over the next several years Larry enjoyed day trips, camping trips, and motorcycle rides with favorite spots in Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire, and Lake George, NY.

In retirement, Larry loved playing golf and also returned for a time to his best loved profession, that of meat cutter, working part-time at Big Y in Westfield. Larry spent a great deal of time working in his yard and gardens and was always accompanied around the yard by one of his faithful beagles, the most recent being Laura Lee. He also enjoyed bird watching and his yard was dotted with bird feeders and hummingbird feeders which he could watch easily through a window from his recliner.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife of almost 35 years, BonnieAnn (Marcoulier) Callahan and his children, Kathy (Callahan) Skiptunas and her husband Dan, Sharon Callahan and her fiancé Rick, and Mark Callahan. He is also survived by his step-children, David Proctor and his wife Colleen, and Miriam (Proctor) Tedesco and her husband Gino, by three grandchildren (Kristen, Jennifer, and Gino), three nieces (Teresa, Tammy, and Melodee), a nephew (Denny), five great nieces and two great nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Frederick Callahan, his mother Vera (Swanson) Callahan Willson, his brother Donald Callahan, his sister-in-law Esther Callahan, and his nephew Bud Callahan.

A memorial service will take place in Chester in June of 2021 if conditions allow. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Hilltown Ambulance Fund at www.hilltownambulance.org/ or to the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, townofchester.net/fire, both of whom were very helpful during Larry’s final years and to whom Larry’s family sends its most sincere thanks and gratitude with a special thank you to Chester Fire Chief Richie Small.

DEATH NOTICES

CALLAHAN, LARRY L.

Died April 28, 2020

GREGSON (ASSELS), ADELINE D.

Died Nov. 20, 2020

O'BRIEN, EDWARD F.

Died Nov. 7, 2020

Edward F. O'Brien, 66

Edward F. O'Brien, 66, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 at Baystate Medical Center. He was born on Sept. 9, 1954 and raised in the Hungry Hill section of Springfield, MA. His parents were William and Margaret O'Brien. Ed attended local schools and graduated from Springfield Technical High School in 1973. He received a bachelor’s degree in general studies in 1977 and earned a master’s degree in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA in 1999. He served as a police officer in the Westfield (MA) Police Department for many years before retiring in 2009. Ed was a 26-year resident of Montgomery, MA, and he loved to spend time in the woods watching the wildlife there. The deer and turkeys he fed each winter trusted him enough to walk right up to him.



He leaves behind his partner, Susan Doran, who shared his life in Montgomery and built a home with him there. He also leaves his sister Carol O'Brien and her partner John Zawacki, who gave Ed beautiful red geraniums that he proudly hung from his porch each summer and that gave him much enjoyment. He also leaves his brother W. Michael O'Brien of Harwich, MA. Ed and Michael were saltwater fishing buddies on the Cape. Ed was predeceased by his parents, William and Margaret O'Brien, and by his brother James O'Brien, who died unexpectedly in August 2020. Ed and Jimmy were close friends, and Ed missed his brother deeply for the rest of his life.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the Center Cemetery on the corner of Main Road and Russell Road, Montgomery, MA.

Adeline D. (Assels) Gregson, 98



Adeline D. (Assels) Gregson, 98, passed away at home on Nov. 20, 2020, with family by her side. She was born in Bismarck, ND to the late Thomas R. and Lucinda (Cushman) Assels. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in education, and was a one room schoolhouse teacher in North Dakota. Adeline served her country in the United State Navy W.A.V.E.S



during WWII. Adeline was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, she enjoyed reading and loved her family, and they were her first priority.

Sadly, she was predeceased by a daughter, Katherine Nicol in 1993, her husband Clyde Gregson in 2004 and her two sisters and her brother. She is survived by her children, Dorothy G. Mazella and her

husband Thomas of Huntington, Stanley C. Gregson of Westfield and Doreen A. Bean and her husband Kenneth of Sun City West, AZ, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A Graveside service will be held at a later date in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Arrangements are under the direction of the Firtion Adams FS, 76 Broad St. Westfield, MA 01085.

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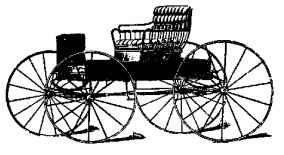
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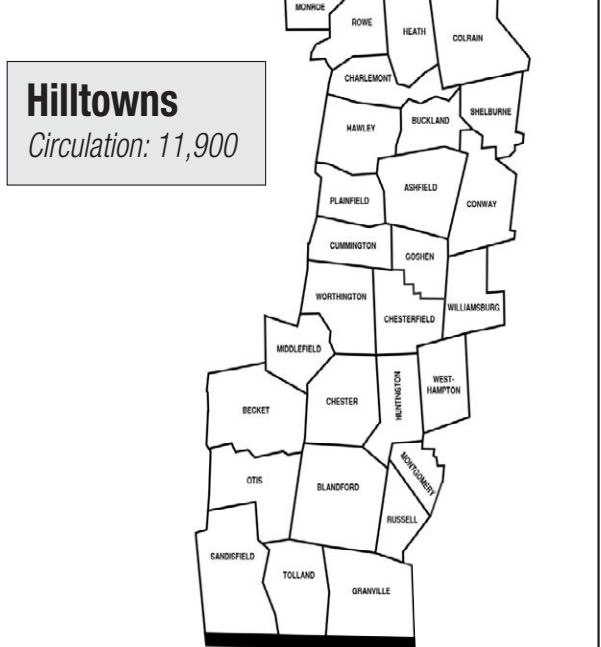
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